

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-14 are presently pending in this case. New Claims 10-14 are added by the present amendment. As new Claims 10-14 are supported by the pending claims, no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Official Action, Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Dworkin (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 20020071540) in view of Dailey et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,363,352, hereinafter “Dailey”).

Applicants and Applicants’ representatives thank Examiner Huynh for the courtesy of the interview granted to Applicants’ representatives on February 25, 2008. During the interview, differences between the claims and the cited references were discussed. Examiner Huynh agreed to reconsider the rejection of record with regard to providing an Internet webpage address of the user of the first terminal.

The outstanding rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites in part:

an acquiring unit configured to acquire reservation information, sent by the first terminal to the information processing server, from a reservation data base in order to provide the first service to the plurality of second terminals, the plurality of second terminals receiving a distribution notice in accordance with a corresponding second terminal address of the reservation from the information processing server, ***the distribution notice including*** authentication data, an electronic mail address of a user of the first terminal, and ***an Internet webpage address of the user of the first terminal.***

Dworkin describes an application service provider (ASP) for posting a conferencing environment.¹ The outstanding Office Action cited paragraphs 19, 24, and 26-28 of Dworkin

¹See Dworkin, abstract.

as describing the plurality of second terminals receiving a distribution notice.² However, it is respectfully submitted that the cited portions of Dworkin do not describe the transmission of any distribution notice including *an Internet webpage address of the user of the first terminal*. At most, paragraph 28 of Dworkin describes that a website of the *ASP*, not either of the users 106, 108, is provided to a customer. Further, the cited portions of Dailey, column 10, lines 10-18 and column 14, lines 33-39, at most describe that the host computer knows the IP addresses of all participating computers. As the IP address of a participating computer is very different than the Internet webpage address of the user of that computer, it is respectfully submitted Dailey does not teach or suggest the above quoted feature either. Finally, with regard to the publications cited in the outstanding Office Action at page 4, line 5, these publications at most describe that the host computer knows the *IP addresses* of participating computers, or a webpage address of a *host computer* is provided to participants. Again, both of these items are very different than the Internet webpage address of the user of one of the participant computers. Consequently, Claim 1 (and Claims 2 and 6 dependent therefrom) is patentable over Dworkin in view of Dailey.

Claims 3-5 recite in part:

acquiring reservation information, sent by the first terminal to the information processing server, from a reservation data base in order to provide the first service to the plurality of second terminals, the plurality of second terminals receiving a distribution notice in accordance with a corresponding second terminal address of the reservation from the information processing server, *the distribution notice including* authentication data, an electronic mail address of a user of the first terminal, and *an Internet webpage address of the user of the first terminal*.

As noted above, not only do Dworkin and Dailey fail to teach or suggest the use of a distribution notice as recited in Claims 3-5, the publications cited in the outstanding Office

²See the outstanding Office Action at page 4, lines 2-3.

Action at page 4, line 5 do not teach or suggest this feature either. Consequently, Claims 3-5 (and Claims 7-9 dependent therefrom) are also patentable over Dworkin in view of Dailey.

New Claims 10-14 are supported at least by the pending claims. New Claim 10 recites in part:

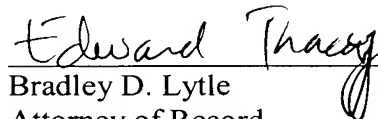
an acquiring unit configured to acquire reservation information sent by the first terminal to the information processing server, ***the reservation information including an Internet webpage address of the user of the first terminal***;
a reservation providing unit configured to provide the reservation information to the plurality of second terminals;
and
a contents distribution unit configured to distribute the contents to the plurality of second terminals.

As noted above, the cited references at most describe providing an ***IP address*** of a participant computer, or a webpage address of a ***host computer***. Accordingly, it is respect what submitted that none of the cited references teaches or suggests “an acquiring unit configured to acquire reservation information sent by the first terminal to the information processing server, ***the reservation information including an Internet webpage address of the user of the first terminal***” as recited in new Claim 10. Therefore, new Claim 10 (and Claims 11-14 dependent therefrom) are also patentable over the cited references.

Accordingly, the pending claims are believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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